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Partial: X Complete:_ Exploration:_ Inspection Date & Time: October 8, 1999, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Date of Last Inspection: September 28, 1999

Mine Name: <u>Castle Gate</u> County: <u>Carbon</u> Permit Number: <u>ACT/007/004</u>

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Castle Gate Holding Company

Business Address: 847 Northwest Highway 191, Helper, Utah 84526

Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface Prep. Plant

State Officials(s): Paul Baker Company Official(s): Johnny Pappas

Federal Official(s): None

Weather Conditions: Clear, 60's

Existing Acreage: Permitted- 7509.5 Disturbed- 63 Regraded- 60 Seeded- 60 Bonded- 63

Increased/Decreased: Permitted-0 Disturbed-0 Regraded-0 Seeded-0 Bonded-0

Status: _Exploration/_Active/_Inactive/_Temporary Cessation/_Bond Forfeiture Reclamation (X Phase I/Phase II/Final Bond Release/Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.

- For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
- For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

		EVALUATED	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	NOV/ENF
1.	PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	[X]		[X]	\Box
2.	SIGNS AND MARKERS	$\overline{[X]}$	\Box	П	\Box
3.	TOPSOIL	$\overline{[X]}$	$\overline{\Box}$	П	\Box
4.	HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a.	DIVERSIONS	[X]	П	[X]	\Box
b.	SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	П	П		\Box
c.	OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	[X]	П	<u>[X]</u> ∐	П
d.	WATER MONITORING	$\overline{\square}$	П	П	\Box
e.	EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	$\overline{\square}$	\Box		\Box
5.	EXPLOSIVES	\Box	П	$\overline{\Box}$	
6.	DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES		П	$\overline{\square}$	П
7.	COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	$\overline{\square}$	П	П	\Box
8.	NONCOAL WASTE	П	\Box	П	П
9.	PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND				
	RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	П	П	\Box	\Box
10.	SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	[X]	П	[X]	\Box
11.	CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	\Box		\Box	
12.	BACKFILLING AND GRADING	[X]	П	\Box	\Box
13.	REVEGETATION	[X]	П	[X]	\Box
14.	SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	П	П	\Box	\Box
15.	CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	П	П	\Box	П
16.	ROADS:				
a.	CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	Ц	П	Ц	П
b.	DRAINAGE CONTROLS	\Box	Ц	П	\Box
17.	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	\Box	\Box	\Box	$\overline{\square}$
18.	SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	\Box	$\overline{\Box}$	$\overline{\square}$	$\overline{\square}$
19.	AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_(date)	\Box		\Box	\Box
20.	AIR QUALITY PERMIT	\Box		\Box	\Box
21.	BONDING & INSURANCE	П	\Box	\Box	$\overline{\Box}$

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

4. Hydrologic Balance

a. Diversions

We talked once again about channel HCRD-10 in the Goose Island area and how to repair it. As discussed in the report for the September inspection, the lower part of this channel does not have the depth shown in the designs in the mining and reclamation plan, so we discussed how to best repair this problem. Most or all of what we discussed could be done under the existing mining and reclamation plan. I have scheduled a meeting with Mr. Pappas, the operator's contractor, and Sharon Falvey, Division hydrologist, to talk about some of the questions that were raised about this work.

c. Other Sediment Control Measures

The straw bales in the lower main Hardscrabble Canyon area should be replaced, particularly if the operator does any work in the Goose Island area.

10. Slides and Other Damage

At the top of the Goose Island area is a hole into which it appears water has been piping. This hole should be filled.

13. Revegetation

I suggested that, as part of the work that may be done on the Goose Island channel, the operator consider using some aggressive grasses, such as pubescent wheatgrass and smooth brome, to help stabilize the area. I would not normally recommend these species, but the operator needs something that will stabilize the site as much as possible.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: James Fulton (OSM), Johnny Pappas (Castle Gate)

Given to: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:

Baker #41 Date: November 12, 1999